

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2017 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda

- 2) Approval of Minutes: 1/9/2017
 1/12/2017

- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - 1) Bob Allen, President of Green Mountain College, to discuss the college's request to support from the Selectboard for the college's refinance.

- 4) Road Report

- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications

 - FY 2017 Budget
 - Library Budget
 - Fire Department Budget
 - General Budget
 - Highway Budget
 - Progress on Secretary/Bookkeeper search

 - Library Update

- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

- 7) Board Orders

- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Frank Fressie, Corey Davenport, Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams. Others present included: Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, Betsy Sinnoot, Bianca Zanella, and Bob Allen, President of Green Mountain College.

Adoption of the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance. Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Frank Fressie made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/9/2017 and 1/12/2017. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Bob Allen, President of Green Mountain College, requested support of the Selectboard in the college's refinance of their debt obligations with the USDA for 18M dollars, at a rate of 3.375% compared to its current rate of 6.62%. The college wants to do it by the end of June. Paul Donaldson advised Mr. Allen to seek support from the Village Board of Trustees as well. The college, on the reported advise of the USDA, will transfer all its properties on campus to an affiliated LLC. Discussion followed, and the board unanimously agreed to support the college in its endeavors.

Bianca Zanella reported that the GMC 20/20 project had a February 9 meeting, and that Stone Valley Arts had a January 27, 5:30PM meeting.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported the following:

1. Ferncliff Road wall is complete, for a cost under \$10,000.00 for labor and materials.
2. The new truck is now in service for winter storms since it no longer has to haul blocks for the Ferncliff retaining wall.
3. Ron questioned whether the person who hit the vet clinic was insured as there was damage to several signs. Paul Donaldson advised he would ask Ed Hunter. Tom Coloutti relayed his witnessing of the accident.
4. Paul and Ron met with the Rutland Planning Commission to review culvert inventory and identify possible road improvements for the next round of grant applications.
5. Town of Wells road crew wishes to share expense of a crusher to clean up Upper Road where Royal Harrison had duped slate waste. Ron does not think it would be cost-effective.
6. Discussion followed regarding a request to upgrade Dayton Road.

Town Manager's Report: The following was reported:

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- 1) Town Report is progressing
- 2) Search for Secretary/Bookkeeper is progressing.

Transact Any And All Other Lawful Business:

- 1) Discussion regarding Watkins Hill Road and whether there is available grant money for the detour.
- 2) Corey Davenport has reviewed the Policy and Procedures and will give the board his comments on the same. The board discussed the vacation accrual policy and an organizational chart.
- 3) Discussion about an additional repair to the constable car. Paul Donaldson to look into the matter. Repairs made at Wescott's Garage.

Board Orders: Tom Coloutti made a motion to approve the Board Orders. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/ Paul A. Donaldson